Cecil and Lisa Paxton Ministries August 2023



I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.



Thank you to all our partners and friends!

In the last nearly thirty-seven years, we have traveled and ministered in thirty-five different nations and now have been in every state here within the US.

This month, because of the ministry travel we are doing, I am reminded of a pastor who was so blessed that I would come and minister in his church even though he has only a small number of congregants.

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He told me of another minister whom he would have loved to have come minister in his church, but the minister required the commitment of a large amount of money before coming, as well as his expenses being covered. The pastor told me that he just does not have those kinds of funds in his budget and was so grateful that I was willing to come in faith where we believed God together.

This is one of the things we are grateful to our partners for. Because of your support, together, we can minister in churches of all sizes around the world and see lives changed for Jesus.

A Perverted Gospel

This is a very strong message, but I believe it's a necessary truth that needs to be proclaimed throughout the land for a godly influence upon the hearts of people.

Anyone who takes the morality of the Gospel and takes out Jesus is preaching a perverted Gospel.

The word *perverted* conveys the idea of taking something and corrupting or distorting it from its original meaning or course.

In today's culture, this could be called *perverted patriotism*: to teach or proclaim a message that is contrary to the message of the Founding Fathers by taking a concept of the message and adding into it a completely different message. It's like giving

something tasty to an animal, but within the tasty morsel is either medicine or poison intended to bring about a desired result.

This is one of the methods that people who teach socialism use to bring about communism. If communism was taught directly in its entirety, it would be outright rejected by those who have lived free and do not want to be enslaved and lose that freedom.

Again, anyone who takes the morality of the Gospel and takes out Jesus is preaching a perverted Gospel. Their intent is to take people down a completely different path.

Morality has within its meaning someone teaching what is right or wrong or what is good or bad in a person's behavior. The only source that correctly teaches morality is the Bible—the Word of God.

To take morality alone and use it as a tool to put one culture against another culture or one race against another race does not bring healing among people, but division.

In Luke 11:17 (NKJV), Jesus said, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls."

People who use morality to destroy, causing a nation to fall down to desolation, always have the intention, the desire, to rebuild the nation with a completely different system of governance in which those who consider themselves superior are in control.

This kind of control takes freedom away from people, and only after freedom is removed from them do the people begin to realize what was lost, as their eyes are finally open to see clearly. Those who preach a perverted Gospel actually have hatred in their hearts for the people to whom they feel superior.

Proverbs 10:12 (NKJV) Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.

Judgment always wants to expose, with the intent of looking at the problem to fix it. But love forgives even as Jesus forgave us of a far greater debt of sin than any sin-debt owed to us.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:14-15 (CEV), "If you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, your Father in heaven will forgive you. But if you don't forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."

True morality is only founded in the cross of Jesus through what the Father, the God of all creation, has accomplished in the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, and the giving of His blood.

It is only when we are willing to take the blood of Jesus and put it in a place of prominence over our judgments that the blindness can fall from our eyes. Then we are able to see from God's perspective instead of just our human perspective.

In John 14:6 (NKJV), Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus is the only way, direction, or road to come into relationship with God, our heavenly Father.

Truth is only found in and through Jesus, not the deceiver, the liar, the devil who speaks through those whom he is able to influence.

None of us can come to the Father God and experience the very manifestation of His presence in us and with us except through Jesus.

Jesus said in John 10:10 (NKJV), "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

A perverted Gospel is demonic at its core, as the devil wants to remove from people the love God has for His creation and to force his will on mankind with the intent to destroy. Man was created in God's image, and the devil's bitterness for God has been taken out on mankind from the beginning of God's creation till today. The only way that the devil can hurt God's heart is to destroy God's creation, which our heavenly Father loves.

God's love is proven through the greatest gift He has ever given: the gift of His Son to pay for our sins so that nothing would separate us from having a personal relationship with our Creator.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Thank You!

Lisa and I are very grateful to you, our friends and partners of this ministry, as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that you, our partners, are greatly prospering—spirit, soul, and body—as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God's richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your hearts and have open hearts to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Love and blessings,



TESTIMONIES

Cecil & Lisa, thank you for your wonderful teaching I received from you. I was able to hear Lisa's testimony! Thank you both, and thank God for using you in such an awesome ministry! (R.R)

Cecil & Lisa, I thank God for you, your love, and prayers. (C.C.)

I just wanted to say thank you not just for obedience into doing what the Lord has called you to do, Cecil, but [also for] the gentle Father's heart that you minister the Word with and the way you give advice and instruction. (P.B.)

Dear Cecil,

Re: Your book...Issues of the Heart

I just wanted to contact you to say a big thank you for your book!

I graduated from Charis Walsall, in the UK, last summer. I bought your book when you came to speak to the students.

After I graduated, I read the book. I got so much from it in terms of healing, I am now working through it for the second time! I have written in the margins and made lots of notes as the Lord has shown me how to receive heart healing in my own life.

Going to Charis was a healing journey for me from start to finish. Your book was the icing on the cake! The points you raise are of vital importance. I just wanted to write and say thank you for being open to the Lord yourself on these matters...and for sharing it with us, your readers.

I hope you'll take encouragement from receiving this message.

With much love in the Lord to both yourself and Lisa,



Colorado Ministry Office: 2021 Toyota Tundra Truck

As a ministry, we have been operating with no debt, owning the building and all ministry equipment, so that finances can go toward ministry. So, thank you for believing with us for the finances to completely pay off our new ministry truck. Since the month of March, you—our wonderful friends and partners—have given almost \$49,400 toward the ministry truck. We have paid enough that we presently need only about \$2,976.03 to pay it off completely!

The ministry is making the monthly payments so that all gifts given toward the truck will go directly toward the principal.

We are very grateful to all of you who have given and are blessing the seeds that you have sown. To give toward the cost of the truck, you can donate through our website, by phone, or by mail: www.clpmi.org / 719-243-4100

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